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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Paper on Albania

1. On 19 August 1953, [] and I called upon Major General Elmer J. Rogers, Jr., USAF, a member of the Joint Strategic Survey Committee of the JCS, at his request, to discuss the Agency's most recent paper on Albania. This paper, having been referred by the PSB to the JCS for comment, had been passed on to the JSSC.

2. The conversation consisted primarily of a general discussion of the considerations surrounding proposals for the detachment of Albania from the Orbit. It was agreed that the paper in its present form, and under present circumstances, was almost entirely a matter of concern to State and CIA and that the military interest would be minimal until diplomatic and service negotiations had proceeded considerably beyond their present point of development. General Rogers noted that, from a purely military standpoint, the detachment of Albania would have relatively little strategic value. He conceded, however, that the psychological impact would be great. He made two other points particularly; (a) that, although the Soviet Union would be unlikely to consider the detachment of Albania a cause for war, such an action would be likely to stimulate the Soviets to retaliation elsewhere; and (b) an unsuccessful effort to detach Albania would have most serious psychological and diplomatic repercussions in Western Europe and elsewhere.

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